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Dear Members of The Belgian Researchers:

Did you notice ? our newsletter finally has a name ! In case that you are interested in learning lace making, SOME PLACE, 2990 Adeline St., Berkeley, Ca. 94703, has everything needed to learn that art; for 50¢ they will send you their catalogue. They also sell old laces in framed displays.

Welcome to our new members, here are their names and addresses:

34 Clifford L. Emmerling, 906 W. Lincoln, Mt. Prospect, Ill. 60056
35 Ted Cook, 2844 Eagle St., San Diego, Cal. 92103
36 Karen Davis, Route # 1, Inkom, Idaho, 83245
37 Henry A. Verslype, 546W. 13th. St., Mishawaka, Ind. 46544
38 Clement D. DeRoo, 238 N.E. Brunson Ct. Port St. Lucie, Fl. 33452

List of surnames that appear in the pedigree charts of the above members plus those added by the other members.

16 BARNICH (1780?) Eischen-Hopscheid, GD *
38 BEENS (1790?) (Assenede?) EF.
38 BRACKE, 1822 St. Laureins, EF
38 CAMPE 1864 St. Margriete, St. Laureins, EF.
37 CATTEEUW 1842 St. Jacobskapelle, WF.
28 CORBUSIER, 1819 Thisnes, Bertree, Lg.
35 COUCKE 1830, Wakken, Baafs-Vijve, WF.
38 DECLERCQ 1785? Lembeke, EF
DE MEULEMMEESTER, 1804, Machelen, EF
38 DEPOPE, DEPAEPE, 1859, Waterland-Oudeman, Lembeke, EF
34 DE REUSE, 1866 NIeuwkerken-Waas, EF
38 DEROO, Eekl,Boekhoute,Assenede, EF
38 DESUTTER, 1846,Lembeke, EF
38 DEWULF 1828 Oosteeklo, EF
37 DEWULY, (1865 ?) (Ramskapelle ?) WF
36 DOMBERG (1840? (Herbeumont?) Lx.
34 DUMOLIN, 1847, West Flanders ?
16 EMMETZE, (1780?) Eischen-Hobscheid, GD*
36 FAGNANT, 1862, Seraing, LG.
38 GALLE (1815?) (Sint Jan In Eremo?) EF
34 JANSSENS 1866 Nieuwkerken, EF
38 KINTS 1829 Sint Jan In Eremo, EF.
36 LAURENT 1831, (Seraing?) LG.
28 LINSMEAU, 1825, Lens-St. Remy, LG.
34 MAERKAERDT, 1866 Niewkerken-Waas, EF
38 MARTENS, (1800?) Sint Laureins? EF
34 MENNES, 1809 Wilmarsdonk, AN
28 PINEUR 1750, Bertree, LG.
36 REDING, 1874, Herbeumont, LX.
34 SANDERS, 1790 St. Niklaas, EF.
38 STEYAERT, 1869, Lembeke, EF.
38 TIERLINCK, (1820? (Lembeke ?) EF
38 VANHYFTE, (1800?) St. Laureins?) EF.
VAN KEIRSBILK, (1800?) Oost Eeklo ?) EF
VANLANDTSCOOTE, 1881 Ramskapelle, WF (near Niewpoort)
34 VAN MEIR 1832, Nieuwkerken, Waas, EF.
34 VAN PUYVELDE, 1793, Vrasene, EF.
34 VERMARCKEN 1793, St. Pauwels, EF.
34 VERMEERSCH, 1847 West Flanders ?

Please let me know when I forget to list some of your ancestors.

I am looking for the book" Dictionna Geographique de la Province du Brabant has anyone seen it

Having problems wit your research ? Let us know about i someone in our organization is bou to be of some help you.

Chers Pierre et Leen,
Merci bien pour votre gentille carte, il va sans dire que c'était la première fois que je recevais une carte de Russie ! Nous espérons que votre séjour en Arizona se passera bien. S'il y a quelque chose que nous puissions faire pour vous, n'hésite pas à nous le faire savoir.
Micheline

* Grand-Duchy of Lux.

37 VERSLYPE 1883, Woumen, WF.
34 ZOIMBOATS, 1779, Wilmarsdonk, AN.

We hope that you all spend a pleasant summer; some of our members were lucky to be able to visit Belgium; Richard and Sarah Ledosquet visited Malmedy and were impressed by the lush farming area surrounding that town and also by the friendliness of the Dosquet family that they were able to visit. Pierre and Leen Inghels are travelling extensively in Europe; Tom and Maria Murphy and their children were also visiting their relatives in Belgium. Since very soon it will be the turn of the members of the Peninsula Belgian American Club to visit Belgium, we take this opportunity to wish them a very pleasant trip.

From our Members.

From Ted Cook: His ancestors Charles Coucke and Francisca De Meulemeester came from Flanders and settled in New Flanders, now Glen Hazel, Elk Co., Pa. The name Coucke was anglized to Cook.
Ted Cook is willing to help anyone with their research, he was kind enough to send us the very interesting following history of New Flanders and a list of Belgian people that appear in the 1850 U.S. Census of Elk Co.,Pa.

Beer's History of Elk County 1890, (Film 824 400)
Page 679 New Flanders was once the settlement of a colony sent here by the Belgian Government. One Victor Deham conceived the idea of colonization in Elk County, and in 1846 he obtained a number of Belgian colonists by contract, and with Deham as leader, New Flanders was founded. But Deham had not carefully computed the cost of such an experiment, and in a brief period his money gave out, and the colonists, abandoning the enterprise, went to work elsewhere. Many descendants of these Belgians are still living in the county and are leading citizens. One old house, built in 1857,is all that remains of the old city of New Flanders.

Ted is planning a research trip this September, the trip will take him to Elk County. Best of luck to you Ted !

1850 Census- Pennsylvania, ELK CO., Jones Township, page 310.

26/26 Nozle, Carl-27-M-Laborer-Belgium
" , Luce-25-M- " "
OSTER, Bernhart-24-M-Laborer-Belgium
" Rosella-14-F- " "
29/19 JOSEPH, Bard-42-M-Laborer-Belgium
" Rosella-15-F-Laborer-Belgium
" Fredrick-13-M-Laborer-Belgium
" Elsau-7-F- .....Belgium
30/30 VOMPETECOM, Luce-26-M-Laborer-Belgium Van Petegem
" " Molle-23-F Belgium
" " Melisa-9mos- F- Pa.
FOMTENBROOK, Fredrick-21-M-Laborer-Belgium Van den Broeck
Page DEHAM, VIctor-45-M-Farmer-Belgium
311 , Caroline, 46, F,....East Indies
38/38 , Constantine, 20,F-.....Belgium
, Alfred, 19, M,.....Belgium
, Felicia, 14- F- .....Belgium
, Matilda, 8-F-.....Belgium
, Joseph, 3, M.....Belgium
FIRSTAIN, Bernard-21-M-Laborer-Belgium
DHAENENS, Solomon-35-M-Laborer-Belgium
DOBBELS, Fredrick, 59-M_ Laborer-Belgium
GHYSELEN, Ange-26-M-Laborer-Belgium
" , Charles, 28-M-Laborer-Belgium

1850 Census-Pennsylvania, ELK Co., Jones Township, page 311 cont.
VANDEBRACKE, Fredrick-22-M-Laborer-Belgium
DeCAWERE, Gillis- 42-M-Laborer-Belgium
VINTAIR, Charles-44-M-Laborer-Belgium
39/39 DEMEY, Leo-34-M-Farmer-Belgium
" , Sophia, 33-F-.....Belgium
" , Marie-4mos-F-.....Pa.
40/40 FERBEKE, Charles-44-M-Farmer-Belgium
" , Rosalie,44-F- Belgium
" , Adolphus, 20, M-Laborer-Belgium
" , Gustave-18-M- Laborer-Belgium
" , Matilda-16-F.....Belgium
" , Melanie, 14-F..... "
" , Henry-13-M- ..... "
" , Victor-8-M- ..... "
" , Felix - 6-M..... "
41/41 VANHAVENBEKE, Charles-47-M-Farmer-Belgium
" " , Amelia, 47, F-.....Belgium
" " , Constant-24-M-Laborer-Belgium
" " , Harriet-21-F..... "
" " , Cordula-17-F..... "
" " , Marie-12-F..... "
" " , Fernand-9-M..... "
" " , Philomena-5-F..... "
42/42 COUCKE, Charles-45-M-Farmer-Belgium
" , Francisca, 46-F..... "
" , EVe, 20-F..... ... " Eve,listed here as a female,is
" , Leo, 12-M..... " actually Ivo- Ted's great-grandfather!
" , Philomena-7F..... "
43/43 BONTE, Framus-52-Farmer-Belgium
" , Collette-52-F.... "
/44 DOBBELS, Petrus-58-M-Farmer-Belgium
" , Julia-63-F..... "
" , Eugenie-16-F..... "
" , Francis-14-M..... "
" , Louisa-9-F..... "
" , John-12-M..... "
" , Henry-7-M..... "
" , Sophia-5-F..... "
" , Constantine-1-M..... "

The Couckes arrived in New York the 20th of December 1849- the name of the ship was the Lorena.

From Henry Verslype comes this very interesting account : " Travelling thru Wisconsin I noted a town named "Belgium" so made a slight change in my plans and visited it. I asked all the people I met; clerks, filling station attendants etc.. if they were Belgian or knew of any Belgians. None did. I then located the town clerk and asked him with no Belgians in town, how did it happen to be named " Belgium". He told me that when the city applied for a charter from the state they had requested the name Luxemburg, as most of the towns people were of Luxemburg descent and birth. However at just that same time another town asked for a charter and requested the name, Belgium,as most of its people were from Belgium or of Belgian descent. The State Secretary's office mixed up the two applications so that the town with the Belgian people is named Luxemburg and the town with the Luxembourgians is named Belgium.

From Clifford Emmerling the following fascinating autobiographical notes that were prepared by his Grandfather Alois Joseph Janssens in 1966.
" Born in the town of Nieuwkerken, province East Flanders, Belgium, June 21, 1866, I left the port of Antwerp, Belgium, 1893, arrived in Chicago, Ill. May 9, 1893, less than a month of 27 years old. Enlisted in the 15th U.S. Infantry (Regular Army) September 5th, 1893 as a bandsman and was stationed at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, for 3 1/2 years... took my discharge when the regiment moved to Ft. Baird, New Mexico, after taking a furlough for three months.
Worked as an attendant in the Iowa Institution for Mental delinquents at Clarinda until May 9th, 1897, then returned to Chicago where I enlisted in the 2nd National Guard of Illinois as a musician, made every Memorial parade as a Bandsman until June 19, 1917, after that with the 2nd Reg. National Guard veterans until I joined the American Legion, Logan Post 405, Chicago, and from then on made every Memorial day and was able to march in every parade from 1894 to 1963 (and will in 1964, too, I hope), every one on foot.
Mexican Border duty When President Wilson called the National Guard for duty, the 2nd Illinois, later the 132nd Inf, was immediately called and on June 21st, 1916 (my 50th Birthday) were sent to Springfield, Ill. to be sworn in the U.S. Federal Army for duty on the Mexican Border. I was with the band than as Assistant Bandmaster. We were mustered out of the Federal service and back to the U.S. National Guard, October 5,1916 and I was discharged from the National Guard on account of dependent family April 30, 1917 ." To this Clifford adds that his grandfather died July 13, 1971 at the age of 105; he had 9 children, 31 grandchildren, 71 great grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren; his grandfather received at various times Flemish language papers from Detroit, Mich. and Moline Ill. Clifford mentions that there was a large group of Belgians in Chicago, largely located around St. John Berchmans Church, which was considered a Belgian Parish. Another large group was in the Atkinson-Anawan farming area of western Illinois, with a large (around 1000 graves) cemetery in Atkinson.

The following names were sent to us by Charlotte Rogers.
Passengers List - Roll # 553 -Westernland - Aug. 20, 1890
J.B Moussiaux, 48, Laborer from Belgium going to Tarentum, Pa.,M. Moussiaux 48 and Delvine 14 F.
Joseph Laret, 23, M, miner, from Belgium going to Midway Pa.
Louis GILLES, 19, M, miner, from Belgium going to Midway, Pa.
Alfred ALMESRYR, 18, M, laborer, from Belgium going Pittsburg, Pa.
Ferdinand PYJEAN??, 38, M, laborer from Belgium going to Pittsburg, Pa.
Joseph BELZE, 22, M, laborer from Belgium going to Pittsburg, Pa.
Emile LECROY, 17, F,.....from Belgium going to Pittsburg, Pa.
Jules DECLERCQ, 20, M, laborer from Belgium going to Pittsburg, Pa.
Theophile LINEO, 40, Farmer from Belgium going to Pittsburg Pa.
Sophie DELEE, 65, F,...from Belgium going to Pittsburg, Pa.
Augustin CEPONGET, 59, F.....from Belgium going to Pittsburg, Pa.
Alexandre BOLLAND, 23, M, farmer from Belgium going to Pittsburgh, Pa.
Edmond RUSSANT, 25, M, farmer from Belgium going to Pittsburg, Pa.
Sidonie?SPANETTO, 41, M?, farmer,from Belgium going to New Albany, Ind.
Leon NICHAUX, 46?, M, farmer going to New Albany, Ind.
Eliza VANNEFELD, 25, F, laborer, from Belgium going to Birmingham, Al.
Emile MEYER, 24, F? f...from Belgium going to Princeton ? NrJ.
Hortense LIBERT, 50, F, ... from Belgium going to Greensburg, Pa.
Charles HIERMANS, 53, M,....from Belgium going to Butler, Pa.
Victor ROSMAN, 35, F? , Farmer from Belgium going to Tarentum, Pa.
Philom RENRY, 11,F, Jules RENRY,4,M,Ernestine,3,F,Clodia RENRY, inf. F.. from Belgium going to Tarentum, Pa.

Passengers List - Roll # 553 - Westernland - Aug. 20, 1890 cont.

Delvina GIBBOUX, 37, F.....from Belgium going to Tarentum, Pa.
Leon DEHAUT 11, M,...from Belgium going to Tarentum, Pa. with Nestor, 10,M,
Arthur DEHAUT, 4, M, Desiree DEHAUT, 8, F.
Clement LEGRAIN, 20, M, laborer from Belgium going to Tarentum, Pa.
Louis HUIDRYCKS, 34, F ?, from Belgium going to Spring Valley, Ill.
Melenne Vermerch, 22, F, .. from Belgium going to Spring Valley, Ill.
Anton ARTHUR, inf. M.... from Belgium going to Spring Valley, Ill/
Desiree Kimpe, 47, F....from Belgium going to Spring Valley, Ill.
Jan De Pessel 50, M. Laborer from Belgium going to Atkinson, Ill.
Edmond Verpaele, 15,M,,.from Belgium going to Atkinson, Ill.
Edmond Van De Weukle, 27, Laborer, from Belgium going to Paterson, N.Y.
Ermena GUILLERD, 32, F. ....from Belgium going to San Francisco, Ca.
Francois TONDEUR, 48, M, laborer, from Belgium going to N.Y.
Joseph COUVBET??, 25, M, Farmer, from Belginn going to Pewaukee, Wi.
Jean Joseph DESTREE, 45, M, Farmer from Belgium going to Green Bay, Wi.
Louise BAIGNET ?, 36, F....from Belgium going to Green Bay, Wi.
LEON DESSREE ? DESTREE? 15, M....from Belgium going to Green Bay, Wi.
Leontine " " 9, F.....from Belgium going to Green Bay, Wi.
M..Lorinse, 49, Farmer, from Belgium going to Ottawa, Ill. with Adeleine 20,F; Eugene, 17, M;Oscar, inf. m.
Veriginie COUNSE, 25, F, ... from Belgium going to ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~Biffin, O???
Bertha DEFOULYE ? 3, F, Frans DEFOULYE ?? inf. M. from Belgium to Biffin, O
Leocadia ? LORIANS 32, M. Laborer from Belgium going to Kokomo, Ind.
Mic QUACQUET?? ,4,M.. from Belgium going to Kokomo, Ind.
Marie ARREQ,25, F....from Belgium going to Marion, Ind.
L. SCHOONJARIS, 22, W. MARSY 19, F. MARSY 18, students from Belgium, Visitin
Mr. L. BRICOULT, 40, Glass Blower, from Belgium going to Philadelphia, PA.
Mrs. L. BRICOULT, 29 citizen U.S.S. native of Belgium
M. CORNUCK, 35, Citizen U.S.A., native of Belgium
T. SCHMIDT, 31, citizen,U.S.A., native of Belgium
Miss E. WASLAERT, 22, from Belgium going to N.Y.C.
Aug. HUYWAVE, 25, M, Farmer from Belgium going to Detroit, Mich.
F. TAVERVAI, 35, M, laborer, from Belgium going to Detroit, Mi.
J. LAVIVERS, 58, M, FARMER, from Belgium going to Detroit, Mi.
J. LAVIVERS, 58, M, farmer from Belgium going to Detroit, Mich. with Virg. 52, F; Marie, 22 F., Louise 16, F.; Charles 18, M; Adolph, 18, M.
Corist ? 9, F; Octave, 7, M.
M. MALFAIT, 30, F. from Belgium goes to Husband in Mich, with Val, 6,F. and Alice, 4, F.
Blanche DUBOIS, goes to husband, Meadville Pa. with CAIN, 3, male, and....29.
O. DELFOSSE, 25, Farmer from Belgium goes to Jeannette, Pa.
Arthur DUBOIS.....from Belgium to Meadville, Pa.
John MICHAUX, 29, M. Glass Blower goes to Jeannette, Pa. with Augusta, 28, F. and Ferd, 3, M.
in all 150 Belgian citizens sailed on this ship - 878 Aliens.

Roll # 554 - Friesland, Sept. 3, 1890 - on this ship there was 381 Belgian citizens, with quite a few going to Fostoria, Ohio, the following went to Jeannette, Pa. - Eduard DAIYEMOND, 44 farmer - Victor ANDRES, 33 Farmer; Paul LACHAPELLE, 46, Glassworker.

Roll # 555 - the following went to Jeannette Pa: Henry MAYER, 26, M, Laborer from Belgium with Hortense MAYER, 17, F. - Emile LAMBELOTTE, 38, M. Laborer with his wife 33, F. and Emil 13, M, and Jeanne, 4, F.
Roll # 546 - April 16, 1890 - Friesland -
Jones DUDIN, 50, F.... Belgium to Jeannette, Pa.
Servis JAMA, 26, F. ..from Belgium going to Greensburg, Pa.
Emil KURDIZ, 18,...Laborer from Belgium going to Greensburg, Pa. with Joseph , 11, Arthur,9, Plmyre, 4 1/2, Oscar, inf.
Palmyre LEBAL, 44, M, Laborer from Belgium going to Greensburg, Pa.

List of some of the Belgian people of Jeannete, Pa. - 1900 Census
GOISSE, Eugene, 47,his wife Mary and children Juliet, Eugene, Issac, Maximillian, Denise, Pauline- emigrated 1880 (Glass worker)
ESCHALNEME ? , 29, with wife Jennie and son Hector emigrated 1896 (Laborer)
HANOVILLE, Max, 49, glassworker with wife Anna born in Switzerland, emigrat 1880.
GODFROID, A., 38, barber, with Adeline wife, he emigrated in 1896, she in 1889.
BENIA, John, 27, glassworker with wife Juno and 2 children, emigrated 1896
MEHELS, ? 50, glassworker, with wife Lous, and 3 children emigrated 1893
HAVERNE, Oscar, 38, glassworker, with wife Mary who was born inFrance, and 2 children also born in France, emigrated in 1889.
STORBOIS, Janis, 26, Belgium, glassblower with wife Jellia (she was born in Belgium, but her parents were born in France, 1 child born Pa. emigrated 1889.
LENG, Anthony, 25, glassblower born France but his wife Lena was born in Belgium, 2 children born Pa., emigrated 1893
DAUGEUMONT, Edg. 53, glassworker with wife Blanch, 1 daughter, emigrated 189
JELLERS, Thomas, 43, glassworker, born in France, ~~xx~~ wife Victoria born Belgium, 1 child born Illinois, 1 born Pa. emigrated 1892
JELLERS, William, 39, born France, glassworker, wife Louise born Belgium 3 children born Pa. emigrated 1890.
BRASSEUR, Adrian, 48, glassworker, with wife Hortense, 5 children born Belgium, 1 in Pa. emigrated 1890 (Charlotte Rogers's great-grandfather)
CORNET, Desire, 42,blower glasswindow, with wife Hyincith and 2 children born Belgium 1 born Pa. (brother-in-law of Adrian BRASSEUR) 1890
DUBOIS, Philip, 41, glassworker, with Magdelena, and 8 children born Pa. emigrated 1870.
MAE, Gust, 50,glass worker, with wife Augustian and 2 children, emigrated 18
DOUSIET, Levi, 20, glassworker, emigrated 1888
PIGEON, Vie, 27, Glassworker, emigrated 1897.
LEROY, Peter, 30,glass worker, with wife Clementine, 3 children born in Pa. emigrated in 1892.
LEROY Celia, (mother of Peter LEROY ?), 65, and son Herman LEROY,she emigrat in 1892, Herman in 1891.
MAYER, Charles. 37, glass blower with wife Laura and 4 children, emigrated in 1888,
LAMBIOTTE..?, 48, Laborer with wife Hortense and 2 children, emigrated 1889
SUIN? Alfon, 37, with Gertrude his wife, and 2 children emigrated 1890(Labor

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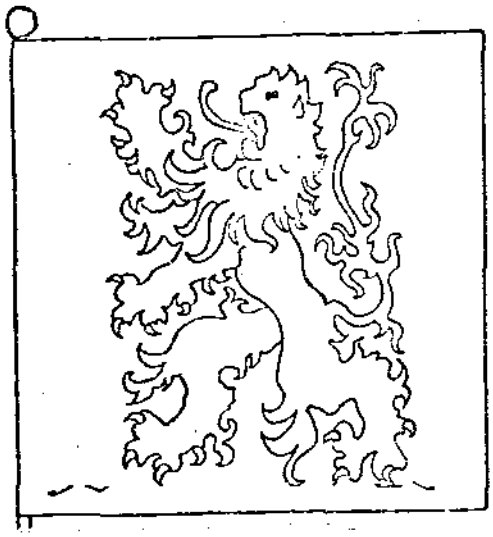
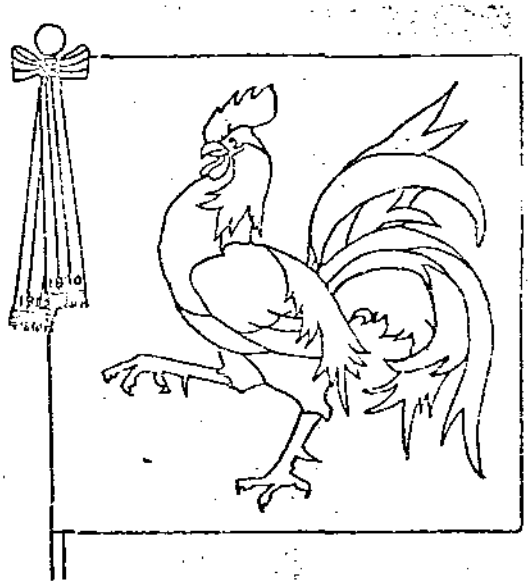
Joan Siegert sent us an article written by Prof. Roland Breton and published in the FLAG QUARTERLY, Vol. 9, page 21.; This article is about the German-Speaking Areas of Belgium; the article states that German is spoken by about 58.000 inhabitants of Belgium , in the area called "Cantons Redimes" (redeemed districts) alloted to Belgium by the Treaty of Versailles. The Cantons Redimes include Malmedy and surroundin area which are mostly French speaking and the towns of Eupen and St.Vith which are German speaking. All the German-speaking towns are, under the 1962 laws which divided Belgium on the basis of language, considered as having French facilities, while the French-speaking towns have German facilities; this allows people the possiblity of using their native tongue in court, etc. German is also spoken in the region of La Calamine. This German speaking area of Belgium is located in the Province of Liege. Actually Joan sent us 2 articles; the second one by the same autor describes the Flemish Flag, emblem of the Flemish (or Dutch) speaking people, and the Walloon Flag emblem of the French and Walloon speaking people. (Does the FRench speaking people of the region of Brussels also have the Walloon Flag as an emblem ?)
The Flemish people has for long used the Lion of Flanders as its emblem; it's a black lion with red tongue and claws on a golden field and it's exactly the opposite of the arms of Belgium ; a golden lion with red

attributes on a black field. We find the Flemish Lion in many Belgian city arms. (Ghent, Bruges, Nieuport, Veurne, Oudenaerde and many more) The Wallons also felt the need for a distinctive emblem, and in 1913, adopted as their flag the red cock on a golden field, red and yellow being the colors of Liege, the capital of Wallonia, It's not exactly the French or Gallic Cock- which is singing head up and beak open, it's rather the bold cock (coq hardi) whose right foot is raised.



FLEMISH FLAG

The dates on the Walloon Flag mean 1830- Independence of Belgium, 1912- formation of Wallonia.



WALLOON FLAG

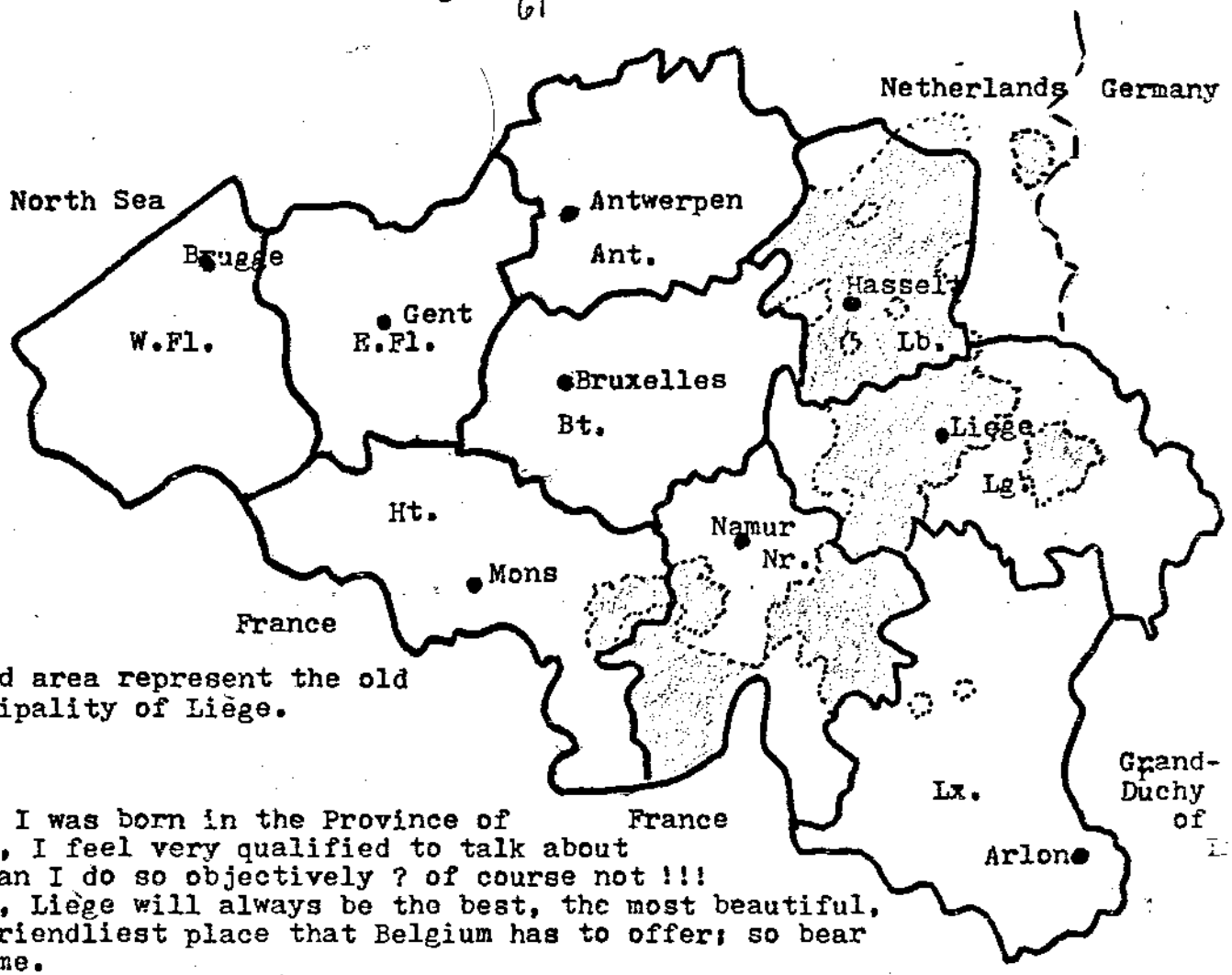
PROVINCE OF LIEGE

Many thanks to Margot Hykes who has written the following account of her grandmother's early life in Liege.

My maternal grandmother, Marguerite Renoz, was born in Liege on 4 November 1856, the daughter of Ernest and Celine (Borgnet) Renoz. Her home, on the Rue du Pot d'Or at the corner of the Rue Tete-de-Boeuf, was located on part of the side of a ruined convent, part of the chapel of which was still identifiable in the cellar of the house. There was a rumor that, at some time of crisis, the nuns had buried valuables and then been forced to flee. This tale of "buried treasure " lent an aura of glamor to the property, and seems to have been frequently discussed, but no search was made, so whether this rumor was correct was never determined.

My grandmother, with the five brothers and sisters who survived infancy, seems to have had an enjoyable and interesting childhood, of which she used to tell us many stories. Two of her life-long interests were animals and music, and her childhood and girlhood featured much of both; a great variety of pets, and much music in the home. The family spent their summers in the suburbs of Liege; first at Embourg, and later at a property they owned at Angleur. There was much entertaining, and many relatives around, and her recollections of them very interesting and informative.

When Marguerite was about 20 years old, her father had financial reverses and the family moved away from Liege. She attended the " Conservatoire" in Brussels, with a view to going on the stage, but gave that up to marry Paul Hagemans in 1880. He was a career consul in the Belgian Consular Service, and consequently most of their married life was spent outside of Belgium. They were stationed in Russia for several years, and were transferred to the United States in about 1890, She died here in 1939.



Shaded area represent the old Principality of Liège.

Since I was born in the Province of Liège, I feel very qualified to talk about it; can I do so objectively ? of course not !!!
To me, Liège will always be the best, the most beautiful, the friendliest place that Belgium has to offer; so bear with me.
When I reminisce about my youth in Belgium, it seems that we were pretty much an average working class family, neither rich nor poor; we always had food, clothing, shelter, and above all, and if I may quote President Spencer W. Kimball, " we always had everything that money couldn't buy" meaning love, attention, and of course, discipline. Many people have influenced my live, none more than my maternal grandparents; they were typical Liègeois (inhabitants of the Province of Liege), hard working, good hearted, with a keen sens of humor (especially my grandmother) and hardheadedness (especially my grandfather). You know what ? it may sound silly, but here I am, almost 38, and still missing my grandparents !!! Does the feeling ever go away ?
Prior to the annexation of the Low Countries by France (1795) Liège had a different shape and a different name; it wasn't a Province, it was a Principality with an elongated body which followed pretty much the Meuse river bed. It was governed temporally and spiritually by a Prince-Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church. The first Bishop with the title of Prince was Notger (980),an energetic man, he saw to the prosperity of the region and soon it became a center of learning. Unfortunately many of his successors were less caring about Liège and sought only to fulfill their own selfish ambitions of power, unlimited power. That's when the troubles would begin, you see, the Liègeois, (inhabitants of the Principality) had democratic (al?) ideas in a feudal world; their impassioned quest for freedom would often pit them against their Prince-Bishops who they felt should be selected by the people or its representatives and not by some German Emperor or some French Duke. So, the history of Liège is full of the struggles and clashes between some of the Prince-Bishops and their supporters (powerful Houses of Europe)and the people and their supporters (the majority of the local nobility and clergy would actively support the people).

Rennequin Sualem, born in Jemeppe-sur-Meuse, Liege (1645-1708) invented and built the waterworks of Versailles, France.

Most of all the church and civil records of Liege are on microfilms; the genealogies of Nobility and important families of Liege are also on microfilms, see " Collections Lefort" (up until 17s.?) The military records are also on microfilms, I had good intentions to survey them, but because of a mistake I made I didn't receive the microfilm on time.

We hope that the descriptions of the records on the following pages will be of some help to someone.
The one on this page " POPULATION REGISTERS " give many good informations on ancestors; I am not saying that they all look like this, or that they are always accurate; but that on all the Population Registers the same type of informations appear. This type of population registers started in 1846.
The family here are actually my ancestors; since "all the records of Hermee had been destroyed " (it wasn't true) and that the townclerk waited 2 years before answering my letters; out of desperation, I checked the population registers of Heure-le-Romain, one town next to Hermee, and sure enough,my ancestors had lived there for 6 mos. and were recorded in the population registers, along with their place of birth and dates.
I wrote to Arlon, (Lux.) which was the place of birth of my greatgrand-mother, in turn they send me photocopies of their population registers records pertaining to my ancestors.
Of course the records are either in Flemish or in French, the titles are printed,the information is handwritten.

Some sad news from Belgium; those cone shaped containers full of french fries so dear to the Belgians, cost now 30 Belgian Francs, only a few years ago, they were 6 frs.
Using ketchup on your fries ? why not try the Belgian way , a little bit of mayonnaise on the side of your plate ? or mustard, or gravy; and you may never go back to ketchup !!!
Good frech fries are cooked twice, 1) until tender, 2) in very hot oil until golden brown, (actually melted beef suet gives the best taste).

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	SURNAME	Given Names	Profession	Birthplace	Birth date or age	Civil Status	Date of entry in Town	Indicate if pers. is permanent. res.	Name of last residence	Name of if moving where would go.	Date of Exit	Date of Death	chang. in civil status date	Remarks on temporary leaves (militar convicts,studen etc..)
1	Lemelin	Lambert	Haut de chateau de paille	Heure le Romain	28 ans 25 août 1818	Marie		Domicile		Heure le Romain Liège	10 sept. 1855			
2	Pajot	Marie Jeanne		Cussigny France	35 ans 26 avril 1808	"		"				8 jan 1851		
3	Nassogne	Joseph Michel		Arlon	13 ans			"						
4	Nassogne			"	6 ans			"						
5	Lemelin	Marie Elisabeth		"	3 mos 20 Mars 1846			"		Cussenier	25 oct 1852			
6	Lemlin	Pierre Joseph		"	17 Dec 1847			"		Heure le Romain				
7	Lemelin	Marie		"	[illegible]			"				4 aout 1851		

Wishing to give you some informations on the military records of Belgium, I checked those of the Regiment du 2eme de Ligne for the years 1830-1833, is it representative of the other regiments? only further surveys will reveal that; some records are written in Flemish most are in French. The informations found are unbelievably rich in details. The surnames are always written in big

Military Records - Régiment du 2ème de Ligne

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Order #	Surnames and given names	Name of parents, dates and place of birth, last residence, Description	
		Father Mother Born in the last residence at his arrival, his height was..... meter.....centimeters.	Face Forehead Eyes Nose Mouth Chin Hair Eyebrows Details (like freckles)

bold letters and are easy to read, the same cannot be said of the rest of the informations; should you wish to check these types of records, arm yourselves with patience and good magnifying glasses. In these early years of Belgium's history as an independent nation and in that regiment, the soldiers from Luxembourg (for that time-period the Grand-Duchy would be included) are in majority; was it because of the poor economy of the time ? are they so numerous among the other regiments ?

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Dates and in which way did he enlist in this regiment	was he previously enlisted and for how long, and in which manner he left	promotion within the regiment, up to officer grade	Campaigns, wounds and actions of bravery	When and how did he leave the regiment
(many of them were volunteers)		(date and rank)	(usually year(s) and the words; against Holland)	(date and reason for leaving or being dismissed)

Indexes are also on microfilms, they pertain only to the matriculation numbers and not to the soldiers themselves.
To have an accurate picture of the military records of Belgium, a survey of every regiment should be done, well, one of these days.... meanwhile, you know a little bit more about the military records. (For 1815-1830, see Netherlands, for 1795-1815 see France)

A glance at the passengers list from Antwerp for the year 1855, film # 392910
There is a title page with name of ship, name of captain, date of sailing
On the microfilm the pages are not side-by-side, like in a book, but one after the other.

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number and date of registration	Surnames and given names	age	place of birth	Kingdom, country, etc.	Profess
(date of registration not usually found)			(often enough the registration officer mispelled place of birth)	(Attn: areas now found in Belgium like Malmedy, Eupen, etc. are listed under Prussia)	(not ofte reco ded)

2nd. page

Place that issued passports	When and by whom the passports were issued	pass. #	# pers. in each fam.	Signature of passport holders	Remarks
not always recorded	not always recorded	not alw. rec.		if able to write passport holders would sign their names, otherwise space is left blank. Spelling of names may vary from that of the registration officer.	not many recorded

There are only 3 microfilms of passenger lists from Antwerp, it's for the year 1855 and the call numbers are: 392,910; 392911;392,912.

We are very grateful to those who contributed to this issue of the Belgian Laces, keep those articles coming, we nedd them ! Thank you very much.

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Searching for parents of Jean Cornet born around 1790?at Grez-Doiceau? Bt, and parents of his wife, Marie-Therese Degueld who died in Grez-Doiceau around 1839.
Charlotte Rogers, 303 Reed St., Jeannette, Pa. 15644

CORRECTION : Newsletter # 6, page 8, Dinant is located in the Province of Namur and not in Hainaut. Sorry about that. Very nice city too, very picturesque.

I keep forgeting to mention that since Jan. 1, 1977, small villages and towns of Belgium are being merged.

The State Archives of Tournai is located at 12, rue du Sondart, 7500 Tournai

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Remember that all your qualities and talents come from your Belgian side.....(just jesting, just jesting).

The Social Security Dept., Baltimore, Md. can tell you how many (Snodgrasses) there are in the country and under pressure will help you find a relative.

I bought a book , The Life of Cardinal Mercier, by John A. Gade -1934- it's in English, you can borrow it if you wish (at your own mailing cost) it includes the genealogy of of the Cardinal, who was a good man and a great patriot; in the appendix there are some amusing remarks made by Franz, the Cardinal's valet, about America " People constantly speak to me in French, proving that it is nonsense to tell me this is not a cultivated race, despite its being so far from Belgium ".....

In a London auction; " A 53/4 enameled gilt medallion was bought for $ 2.22 million. Dating from about 1150, it is attributed to Belgian goldsmith Godefroid de Claire and depicts "Operatio" the Angel of Charity". The Boston Globe- June 24, 1978.

Books about Belgium that can be borrowed on interlibrary loan from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
Art et Organisation militaires dans la Principauté de Liège, by Cl. Gaier call # DH 801 L562 G3 in French
Histoire de la Wallonie, by L. Genicot, call # DH 492 W3 G4 in French
The Fair Face of Flanders, by Patricia Carson, call # DH521C3, in English.

Do you know that Zenobe Gramme, who was born in Jehay-Bodegnee,Liège (1826-1901), was the inventor of the first industrial dynamo?

From Gems of Genealogy, Vol IV, No. 3--"Reunion--A Beno-Champeau Genealogy "; French Canadian and Belgian Ancestry of Bay Settlement, Wisconsin Pioneers. Champeau, Landry lines to 1600, others to mid-1700s. $ 6.00 postpaid. Order from Mary Ann Defnet, 832 So. Quincy St. Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301